

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 5

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SUBJECT: Comments on Draft FS and RI Report

for Chemical

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Basically, I agree with Metcalf & Eddy's comments of September 30, 2005.

In addition, I just have a couple of other comments.

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Since risk evaluation was conducted for commercial/industrial receptors, with only a hypothetical resident scenario evaluated for informational purposes it is, therefore, necessary that a deed restriction be placed/created for this site restricting future use to be commercial/industrial. This is so because future zoning may change and the Agency (U.S. EPA) must, therefore, be assured that any changes to zoning in the future alert zoning officials of potential risks to residents. This would require further and more extensive reevaluation of residential scenarios than what is provided in this document.

It is stated that 'groundwater ingestion pathway is incomplete at the site because municipal water is provided to the siteand impacted groundwater is not and is unlikely to be used as a drinking water source'.

Just to make sure that impacted groundwater is not going to be used as a future drinking water source, the deed restriction mentioned above should address this issue as well by specifically stating that future groundwater use is prohibited by future users of the site pending determination of potential exposure and risk under different use scenarios. Furthermore, a realistic (not hypothetical) scenario that requires evaluation of potential groundwater exposures can be based on the

likelihood of contaminated groundwater charging the nearby river. Then, evaluation of surface water ingestion, dermal contact and inhalation exposures determined for current and future (using modeling) exposures for recreational fisherman fishing in the nearby river. Incidental, by virtue of being accidental, ingestion and dermal contact of contaminated groundwater should be evaluated for current and future recreational fisherman, and this should also include the possible ingestion of contaminated fish.

I hope this information is useful to you. If you have any further questions, please call me at 6-7573.